

Infrastructure work continues chugging along

Oscar Renda Contracting, under the watchful eye of the city, continues to lay final coats of asphalt on streets north of the CSX railway in East Biloxi, and Hemphill Construction, working on streets south of the railway, has seen its contract extended by three months, until June 2020.

Meanwhile, down on Point Cadet north of Howard Avenue, Lane Construction is in the early

phases of installing new water, sewer and drainage. It's the latest on the city's \$355 million infrastructure project.

"The good news is that Hemphill had Howard Avenue paved and open for Mardi Gras, and, of course for the businesses on Howard," said

Walt Rode, who is overseeing the infrastructure work for the city.

Hemphill, whose \$22.9 million contract had an original deadline of this month, has faced a number of issues, including the still-unresolved issue of human remains found near the Biloxi City Cemetery three years ago in April.

Said Rode: "We continue to push contractors to keep things moving."

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We're still rollin'



Sure, Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday have come and gone, and we're now in the Lenten season, but March traditionally means we'll be a' grinnin' and a' grillin'. It's time for the annual Hibernia Marching Society's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Biloxi Main Street's Grillin' on the Green. Both take place on Saturday, March 14.



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Gaming in Biloxi: A tale of vision and growth



Long before gaming was legal in Biloxi, the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, as shown in the '80s, knew there was a market in Biloxi.



Encouraging news it was the other day to hear the mayor note that the amount of money won by casinos in Biloxi climbed by \$50 million in 2019 after 2018 saw a \$30 million increase over 2017.

The Biloxi casino-resort market, he proclaimed in the State of the City, was attracting new interest from developers, which is typically what occurs in waves of success. This heartening news of such growth is even more substantial considering it comes after the industry weathered the shiny new competition from Island View in Gulfport and the Scarlet Pearl in D'Iberville. And, lest we forget, the disastrous impact of the prolonged opening of the Bonnet Carre spillway.

Truth be told, as the mayor has said on more than one occasion, of the 40 gaming jurisdictions across the country, Biloxi, with a population far less than the gaming capitals, is the No. 8 market in the country. That says something.

Back in 2002, on the 10th anniversary of gaming in Mississippi, the story was referred to as "the Mississippi Miracle." Here was a state known for dirt roads, bare feet and rebel flags now being recognized as a state that fostered a free-market, multi-billion dollar industry that employed 30,000 with almost three dozen locations across the state. Biloxi, in one report, was called a burgeoning destination, behind Las Vegas and Orlando. Heady company. Mississippi had done it right.

Remarkably, some operators – legal operators – had tapped into that interest years

The nom de plume Nick L. Shrimp is a homage to the late Walter Fountain, original olde crab, longtime editor of the Biloxi-D'Iberville Press, and longtime Biloxi Chamber of Commerce manager.

Nick L. Shrimp



Longtime Biloxi businessman Emile Fallo: Fly me to the moon, or at least from Biloxi to Las Vegas.



earlier, far before it was legal in Mississippi.

It was pretty cool back in the day, we thought, that the phone book for Biloxi had a listing that read

**GOLDEN NUGGET HOTEL,
Located in Las Vegas, Nevada**

and it had a local address on Jackson Street, with a local phone number, a 374- prefix in fact.

"That was the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas," says Emile Fallo, the longtime Biloxi businessman who had a data-processing firm in Biloxi, on Jackson Street, in fact. Fallo may be best known as one of the original commissioners on what was then the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport, whose small terminal had three gates, which looked suspiciously like

Door No. 1, Door No. 2 and Door No. 3.

The quaintness of the airport at the time, however, belied its relevance.

For more than a decade, Fallo organized junkets from Biloxi to Las Vegas, usually three a month, with a hundred or so travelers, "depending on the size of the plane."

Says Fallo, who turned 87 on Feb. 13: "We had that phone number in the book and the junkets because the people in Las Vegas knew it was a big deal here."

He remembered that first junket was actually delayed in getting off the ground, albeit momentarily. "I remember," Fallo said, "the mayor of Gulfport actually stood in front of the plane and said we were breaking the law."

These times, you must remember, were in the pre-legal days of gaming, long before Gerald Blessey, Michael Cavanaugh and Biloxi city attorneys convinced Circuit Court Judge James Thomas that the cruises to nowhere aboard the Point Cadet-based, slot machine-laden Europa Star were indeed legal since the vessel was foreign-flagged and operating in international waters.

That, friends, was the break in the dam that later spawned the dockside legislation that opened the door to a local vote on the issue. With the support of the local business community at the time, the vote was affirmative and so began the trickle that turned into the industry we have today.

Emile Fallo and the Golden Nugget leadership in Las Vegas were booking on it years ago. You could look it up.



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OK, Biloxi, it's almost time for Census 2020

Officially, Census Day is April 1, but the roll call of the country actually begins this month, and Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich is asking Biloxians to stand up and be counted.

Between March 12 and March 20, households in Biloxi and throughout the country will begin receiving mail outs with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census – online, by phone or mail.

Then on March 30 through April 1, representatives with the Census Bureau will visit shelters and soup kitchens as well as walk around the streets and tent encampments in Biloxi to count people who are experiencing homelessness.

By April 1, every home in Biloxi and throughout the nation will have received an invitation to participate in the census.

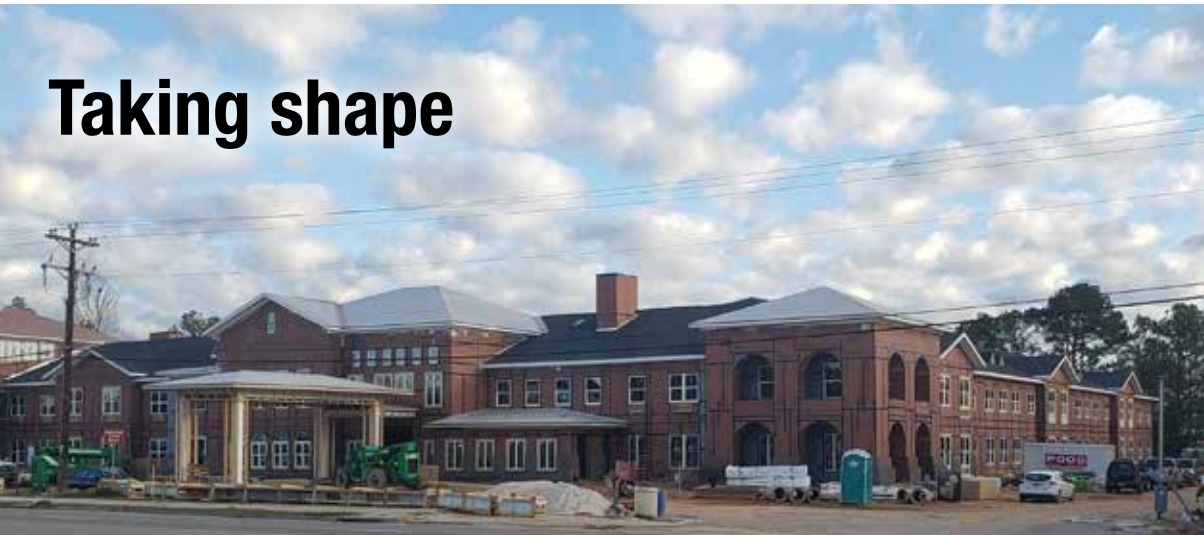
The mayor, in his State of the City address, said he believes that Biloxi’s population, now at 45,908 according to the Census, was not fully counted in the last Census and should be about 55,000 residents today.

Said Gilich: “It is vital that you take part in this process. It will determine your representation in federal, state and local governments. The information compiled guides the distribution of federal funds, grants and other support to communities. For the first time, this census can be accomplished online, by phone or by mail. Please encourage everyone to step up, complete the surveys, help your city and your nation.”

Throughout the month of April, May, June and July, representatives will visit homes, schools and other locations in an effort to make sure everyone is counted.

► See more about the Census on BTV daily at 2:30 p.m. or anytime on the city’s YouTube channel

Taking shape



The Blake at Biloxi, an upscale senior living and assisted living community that will feature 118 units and amenities you would typically find at a premier resort, continues to take shape on Popp’s Ferry Road, east of Cedar Lake. The facility, which developers say will be a \$25 million investment, is looking to open in the Fall. Among the planned amenities: concierge service and transportation, fine dining, a coffee and ice cream shop, a theater, a library, piano lounge, a spa and salon, landscaped courtyards, an outdoor fire pavilion, and, of course, 24-hour nurse staff. Pricing will be based on service needs and apartment selection; however, the high-end community will be affordable and competitive with other options in the area, Blake leaders said.

City shuts door on unlicensed short-term rentals

The city in February took 11 operators of unlicensed short-term rentals to court and saw several of the operators fined and shut down.

Operators of four unlicensed short-term rentals were fined a total of \$200 in Biloxi Community Court and ordered to cease operations. Four other cases were resolved before court proceedings began, and three other cases face court dates.

“The city took assertive steps to ensure that operators of short-term rental units are complying with city ordinances,” said Community Development Director Jerry Creel, whose department is responsible for enforcing city ordinances involving land use and zoning.

Operating a short-term rental without a proper license can result in fines of up to \$500 per day.

Owners of four properties – 256 Lameuse St., 6268 Kimbrough Blvd., 1984 Todd Cove and 4071 Lickskillet Road – pleaded guilty, paid \$50 fines each and were

ordered to cease operations.

Owners of two other properties – 168 St. Paul and 214 Gill Ave. – had their cases dismissed but agreed to cease operations and stop advertising as a short-term rental.

The owner of the property at 1880 Southern Ave. agreed to stop advertising as a short-term rental and will apply to the city for proper permits, and the owner of 126 Briarfield was issued a short-term rental permit.

City Prosecutor Robert Harenski will pursue cases against three other locations where owners failed to show up for court: 187 Bilmanson Drive, 975 Howard Ave. and 170 Iberville Drive.

Said Creel: “Operators of short-term rentals who have questions concerning the regulations or anyone who believes an unlicensed short-term rental may be operating in their neighborhood should contact the city’s Community Development Department at 435-6280.”

There are currently 297 licensed short-term rentals operating within the city.

News & notes

- **Legends:** All construction, they say, is complete at the former Santa Maria retirement home at Main and U.S. 90, and furniture is expected to begin arriving by the end of this month, as Legends, the multi-story, all-suite hotel, gets a step closer to opening.
- **Nominate a volunteer:** The city will recognize volunteers – individuals, organizations or businesses – in April at the 37th annual volunteer awards. Want to nominate a worthy volunteer? Call Biloxi’s Downtown Services at 228-435-6339 or email kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.
- **The sound of music:** Marley’s Music, a buy-sell-or-trade record shop specializing in vinyl, turntables, and, yes, lava lamps, is opening sometime in March in downtown Biloxi. It’s going to be on G.E. Ohr Street, just south of Howard, near the “Greetings from Biloxi” mural. Keep up at www.marleymusic.net.
- **Breakfast with the Mayor:** Get the latest on city issues and initiatives in the 2020 inaugural Breakfast with the Mayor, on April 1 at 8 a.m. at the IP Casino Resort & Spa. The free breakfast is organized by the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce.
- **We want bikers:** Howard Avenue will soon be home to a new bicycle shop, Biloxi Bicycle Works, at 993 Howard Ave. The shop will offer Specialized-brand bicycles, electric bikes and cycling gear, and operators say they’re pedaling as fast as they can to open sometime in March. See more on Facebook at Biloxi Bicycle Works.



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Let's paint the Town Green



St. Paddy's parade, Grillin' on the Green usher in Spring

By Laurie Rosetti

"Spring! Nature's way of saying 'Let's Party!'"

The late, great (and somewhat Irish) Robin Williams may have been visiting here when he came up with that one because Biloxians herald in springtime each year with a great Green party in a great green location, Biloxi's Town Green.

For 41 years, the Hibernia Marching Society has put the Blarney in Biloxi during its beloved St. Patrick's Day Parade. Southern barbecue and music joined the festivities in 2006 when Grillin' on the Green became an essential player in the daylong celebration. The whole shebang kicks-off with the Gulf Coast Running Club's Irish Derby 5K run. This year's revelry takes place on Saturday, March 14: 5K run begins at 9 a.m., festival hours 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. with parade at 2 p.m.

When delving into the long, storied history of the Hibernia Marching Society, the name of Dr. John O'Keefe emerges.

In 1978, through a Sun Herald article, Dr. O'Keefe extended an invitation to the first HMS planning meeting to all who were Irish or "wanted to be Irish," how magnanimous!

Before this first official meeting, several "unofficial" meetings took place at Mary Mahoney's Old French House Restaurant, where plans for a society and a parade were volleyed about. In '78, the crux of this organization was clarified: "the purpose of the Society is to promote interest in Irish Heritage and to develop a great appreciation for Irish Culture. Allied with these objectives is the desire to experience good fun and good fellowship among members of the Society who are Irish by birth, marriage or desire."

This year's parade captain, Jacob O'Keefe, assumes the duty for getting this 30-plus unit show on the road, literally. The parade lines up and begins at the Biloxi Yacht Club, meanders through downtown Biloxi, traveling northward on Lameuse Street to Biloxi City Hall, ultimately reaching Esters

Boulevard where it disbands.

This year's Grand Marshal, Chuck Kelly, and Colleen, Susan Cain Hinson, will fulfill their roles as official Hibernia Marching Society ambassadors when the streets of Biloxi once again turn green in celebration of Irish heritage. For more details on the parade, check out the official webpage at www.hiberniamarchingsociety.com.

Getting your green on (so to speak) can work up quite an appetite! Enter Biloxi Main Street's barbecue competition, Grillin' On The Green, in its 14th year.

This free admission, food competition, arts and crafts festival, and music event begins the spring festival season on the Gulf Coast.

"Our grill team captains tell us each year that this is their favorite of the Gulf Coast barbecue competitions," says Kay Miller, Biloxi Main Street's executive director.

It's easy to see why, with over \$6,000 dollars in cash and prizes up for grabs, and thousands of parade-

goers clamoring for the sizzling, grilled offerings, the barbecue aficionados just can't wait to get those grills smokin' hot.

Teams compete for five places in chicken, ribs and brisket and sell their delectables to the public. The ravenous parade lovers can find everything from pulled pork nachos to KC-style ribs to whole briskets, ready to take home for suppertime. The excitement builds all the way to the presentation of trophies, cash and the naming of the Grand Champion, which all takes place immediately following the parade.

This year's musical lineup is sure to set the perfect party atmosphere: Rhythm and Rain – 10 a.m., Unfazed Show Band – noon, and Ty Taylor and the Kinfolk at 3 p.m. More than a hundred artisans and retailers fill the Town Green space for those who love to browse and buy! The Kids' Zone will keep the young'uns happy and busy.

For details, call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339. Follow Biloxi Main Street on Facebook too.



Rhythm & Rain – 10 a.m.



Unfazed Show Band – Noon



Ty Taylor and the Kinfolk – 3 p.m.



Btv

Get the inside story on the annual St. Paddy's parade and Grillin' on the Green in a BTV special airing daily at 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 14
2 p.m.

► For more info, visit biloxi.ms.us and hiberniamarchingsociety.com





Meet Marcus Boudreaux, the new leader of Biloxi schools

Career educator appointed to his dream job



The Marcus Boudreaux Family

Hello Biloxi, my name is Marcus Boudreaux and I'm the new superintendent of the Biloxi Public School District.

Although this position is new to me, my family and I have been a part of the Biloxi Schools family for many years. My mother, Virginia, worked for this district for 25 years, my wife, Michelle, is an assistant principal at Biloxi Junior High, and I have three daughters who attend our schools. And although my father, Edmond Boudreaux, didn't teach in Biloxi Schools, he was certainly an educator. He loved to share his knowledge of our Coast's history through his volunteer work, the books he wrote, and the weekly newspaper column he shared. All of this to say that Biloxi is our home!

My career in education began in 2002 at Biloxi Junior High as a history teacher and coach. I spent the next eight years in the classroom, which I believe is imperative to my understanding of the challenges our teachers

face today. I continued in Biloxi as an assistant principal at Biloxi High School for five years, principal of Biloxi Junior High for one year, and eventually became the principal of Biloxi High School. These years and experiences have prepared me for this next step in my career.



My focus is simple – student success. We will accomplish that here in Biloxi with specialized classroom instruction delivered by a highly qualified teaching staff. I will work tirelessly to make sure the children of Biloxi are graduating with the knowledge and skills they need to lead successful lives. I look forward to collaborating with our staff, students

and community to reach these goals. We are all part of this process and we will continue to expect excellence from all and for all.

This is a dream job for me. I started my career in Biloxi and I intend to end it here. This is our home and we want the very best for the children of Biloxi. Thank you for your trust in me and Go Indians!



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Honoring a Biloxi Hero

Fred Haise



Fred Haise will take his place in a cherished Biloxi space

By Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich

We’re going to create a new landmark to honor the most famous Biloxian in our history, and we need your help.

April will mark the 50th anniversary of Apollo 13, a mission that has been called NASA’s most successful failure and a mission that united the world in hope, prayer and problem solving as this troubled spacecraft made its way back to Earth.

Our own Fred Haise, a Biloxi native who grew up on Back Bay, brought tremendous pride to this city, to this nation and the entire world, as the Apollo 13 lunar module pilot.

Fred is one of only 24 people to have flown to the moon and back. He has been a tremendous asset to Biloxi and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, inspiring students in Biloxi Public Schools, and being the driving force in creating the Infinity Space Center near the Stennis Space Center.

We have a statue dedicated to the old world explorer Pierre LeMoyne D’Iberville down at the Biloxi Visitors Center, and I want to see a statue, a new community landmark that pays homage to our new world explorer Fred Haise.

So, what we’re doing: To mark the 50th anniversary, April 10 and 11, the City of Biloxi and Mississippi Power are presenting a Fred Haise Banquet on Friday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at the Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Tickets are \$25 per person; \$50 per couple.

Then, on Saturday, April 11, we’re going to unveil the Launch Pad, which will be positioned in a prominent

See “Making Space for Fred,” a 30-minute special, at 7 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on BTV through March. It’s the story of Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise and Mary Ott Tremmel Davidson, the artist creating the new Biloxi landmark.



location in the parking area south of the Biloxi Lighthouse. The Launch Pad will be a replica of the base of a Saturn V rocket, the rocket that propelled Haise and his fellow astronauts to the moon.

Atop the base – at a later date – will be positioned a bronzed statue of Fred Haise in his astronaut gear. The statue is being created by local artist Mary Ott Tremmel Davidson, who also created the D’Iberville statue that stands outside the Biloxi Visitors Center.

My hope is that the community – individuals, businesses, civic groups, school-age children – will come together now to help make this happen.

We are appreciative of Mississippi Power agreeing to be title sponsor, and we welcome any contributions to help make this a fitting and community-wide monument to “Freddo.” Fred is Biloxi.



Artist Mary Ott Tremmel Davidson working on a bust of Fred Haise.

Here’s how you can be a part of history

The City of Biloxi is creating a new community landmark to honor the most famous person in our history -- Apollo 13 astronaut Fred Haise. The monument, will be a life-size statue, similar in size to the D’Iberville statue near the Biloxi Visitors Center, will sit atop the replica of the base of a Saturn V rocket and will be positioned in the parking area south of the Biloxi Lighthouse.

The adjoining boardwalk will be upgraded and referred to as “The Moonwalk.”

The city and Main Street Biloxi are offering businesses, civic groups and individuals to help sponsor the Fred Haise landmark and tribute weekend.

Mississippi Power presents The Fred Haise Banquet

Friday, April 10

Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave., 6 p.m.

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Mississippi Power

Unveiling of the Launch Pad

Saturday, April 11, 2020

1:13 p.m., south of Biloxi Lighthouse

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Contributing sponsor (\$25,000)

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- Up to three 10-seat tables at banquet, April 10
- Minimum 3-minute speech at banquet
- Inclusion in Launch Pad unveiling and photo ops with Fred Haise on April 11
- Logo included in signage at site

Community signage (\$10,000)

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- Participation in Launch Pad unveiling, photo ops with Fred Haise April 11
- Name included in signage at event

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For sponsorship opportunities, contact Vincent Creel, 228-435-6368 or vcreel@biloxi.ms.us, or Cecilia Dobbs Walton at 228-435-6336 or cdobbswalton@biloxi.ms.us.

Virtual Reality training strengthens Keesler Community Ties

By Airman 1st Class Spencer Tobler
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

In an effort to draw awareness to Keesler's flying training mission, local city development managers and civic leaders used virtual reality and watched live aerial demonstrations.

The 403rd Reserve Wing and 81st Training Group held briefings, workshops, and demonstrations in January to illustrate how development decisions made in the local community could potentially compromise Keesler's flying mission.

"We wanted to give the civic leaders an idea of what we look at as airfield operations professionals," said Tech Sgt. Andrew Meyer, 334th Training Squadron instructor supervisor. "We wanted to explain exactly how we serve the Air Force mission in our flying community and exactly what that means for partnerships with the local area."

The 334th Training Squadron offered civic leaders a chance to use virtual reality to demonstrate why and how certain developments could harm Keesler's air traffic.

The 334th TRS prepared diagrams and graphics to illustrate how to take preventative action to reduce negative impact to the C-130J



Airspace virtual reality gives community leaders insight

Super Hercules flyer mission. The virtual reality helped explain the diagrams through imaginary surfaces, and mock ups of Keesler's airspace.

"Imaginary surfaces are an extremely difficult concept," said Meyer. "I can give you examples and references but it doesn't really resonate until I put you in an environment where you actually get to see it. The virtual reality system is key when trying to convey something that

cannot be seen in a visual context."

Meyer believes his workshop demonstrates the excellent partnership that Keesler has with the surrounding community.

"We want our community to grow while still supporting military operations," said Meyer. "We're making sure our operations can co-exist and still allow for maximum development on the Gulf Coast."

Baseball is closer than you think in Biloxi

Mardi Gras has come and gone and that means Spring is officially on the doorstep. With that, baseball season begins anew. For the last five years, the Biloxi Shuckers have ushered in the start of baseball season on the Coast in early April as they kick off their Double-A campaign.

But in 2020, MGM Park will open its gates for the first time in early March with the Hancock Whitney Classic. Over two days, the Gulf Coast will host two of the premier programs in college baseball as the Mississippi State Bulldogs matchup against the Texas Tech Red Raiders on March 10 and 11. Both teams are coming off back-to-back trips to Omaha and enter 2020 ranked in the Top 10 of the D1Baseball.com poll.

This could be a game at the College World Series in June and it's happening right here on the Coast in March! Tickets are already on sale for both games – just don't forget to bring your cowbell!

As for the Biloxi Shuckers, their season



kicks off on April 9 at home against the Montgomery Biscuits. The Shuckers will look to sustain their success on the field after winning a franchise-record 82 games in 2019, topping their franchise-record 81 wins in 2018.

Some of the top prospects in the Milwaukee Brewers system, such as Brice Turang (#1 in the Brewers system), Tristen Lutz (#2), Aaron Ashby (#7) and Mario Feliciano (#8), should all come through Biloxi at some point in the season. Plus, 2019 SEC Pitcher of the Year and former Mississippi State lefty Ethan Small could very well be in Biloxi pitching at some point in 2020.

But more exciting than the play on the field is the promotional schedule that the Shuckers have lined up for 2020. The Shuckers will yet again have 'Barks & Brews Monday' where dogs are welcome at the park every Monday night, 'Double Play Thursday' with \$2 Yuengling's, \$2 hot dogs and \$3 draft beer specials on Thursday, and 'Fireworks Friday' with 10 fireworks shows throughout the season.

2020 will also see the return of 'T-Shirt Tuesday,' where the first 250 fans receive a

Shuckers-themed t-shirt as they come through the gates on Tuesday nights. Some of the t-shirts for this year include Seinfeld, Top Gun and Harry Potter.

New for this year, Wednesdays will be 'Military Wednesdays,' and Sundays will be 'Family Fun Days.' But some of the biggest nights for the Shuckers come on Shuck Yeah Saturday, including April 11 with Apollo 13 Night.

The Shuckers will honor the 50-year anniversary of Apollo 13 by wearing special Apollo 13 jerseys, which will be auctioned off during the game. They'll also honor Biloxi's own Fred Haise with a Fred Haise bobblehead giveaway to the first 1,000 fans.

For the entire Shuckers promotional schedule, you can go to biloxishuckers.com. Single game tickets will be on sale early this month, but season ticket memberships to Shuck Nation and group outings are already available by calling the Shuckers front office at 228-233-3465.

The days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener and baseball season is on our doorstep.

By: Garrett Greene, Biloxi Shuckers

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

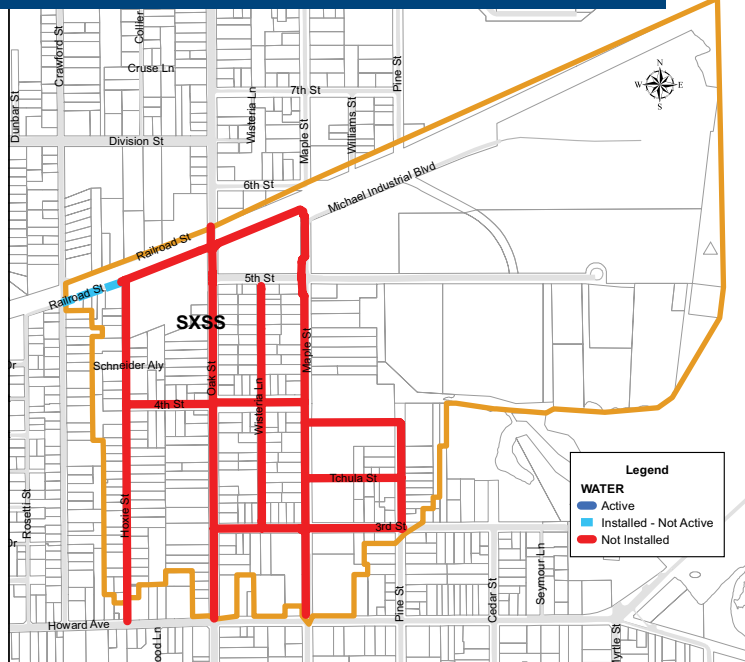
Pages 13 through 16 contain maps that show the status of the city's three major infrastructure projects now underway. The information on these maps is compiled by the city's Engineering Department, based on reports from contractors and inspectors at each site. See detailed maps and video online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

Sixth Street South

Lane Construction in October 2019 began a \$10.5 million, 550-day project to install new water, sewer and drainage lines in a Point Cadet area south of the CSX railway. It involves three miles of roads, from the tip of the peninsula at Michael Boulevard, south to Third Street and west to Hoxie. Deadline: April 16, 2021.

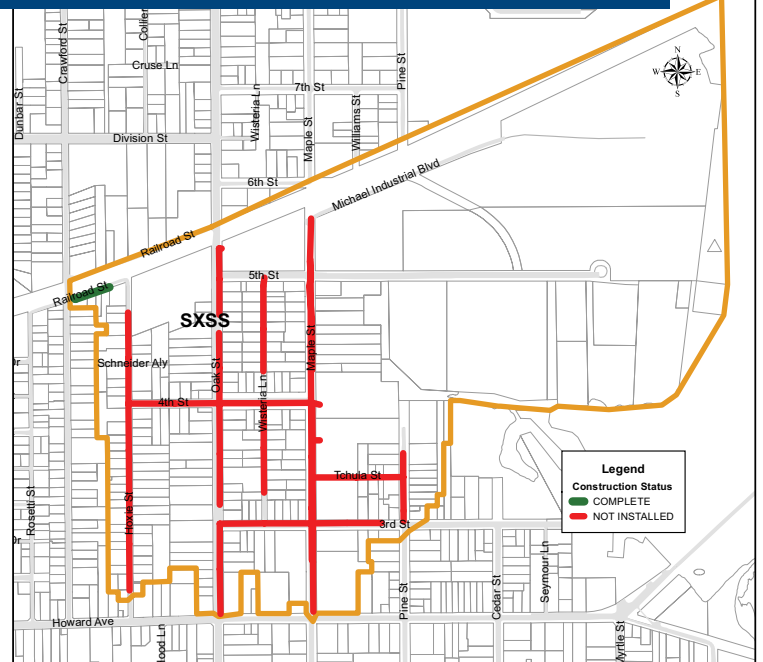
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Water Mains to be installed as of Feb. 13, 2020



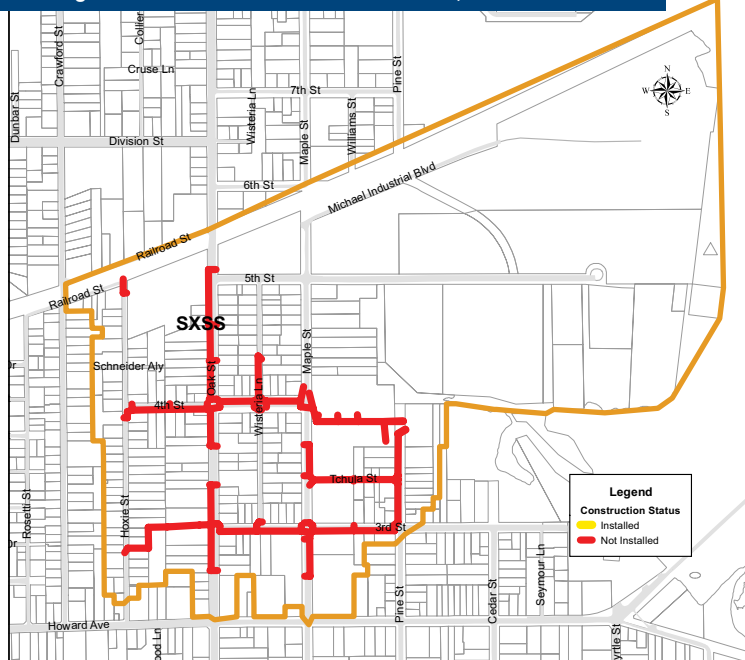
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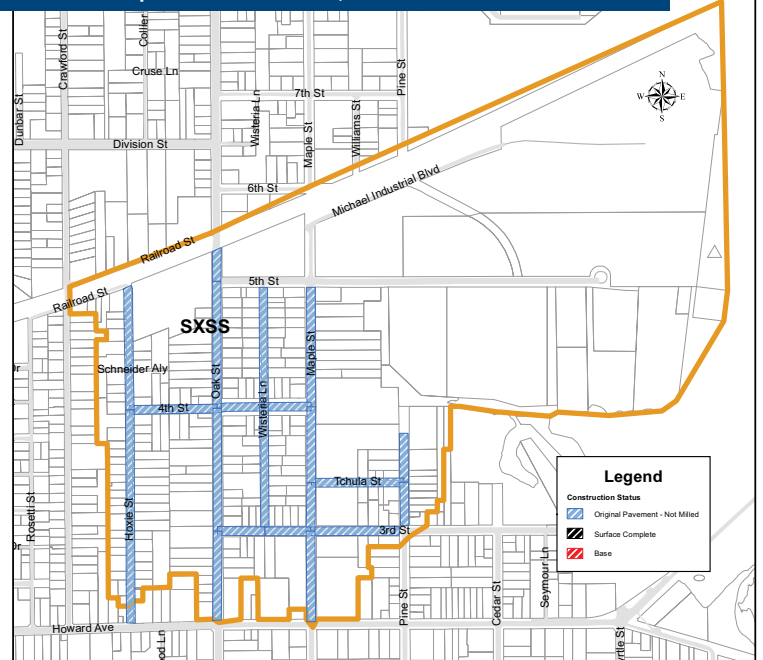
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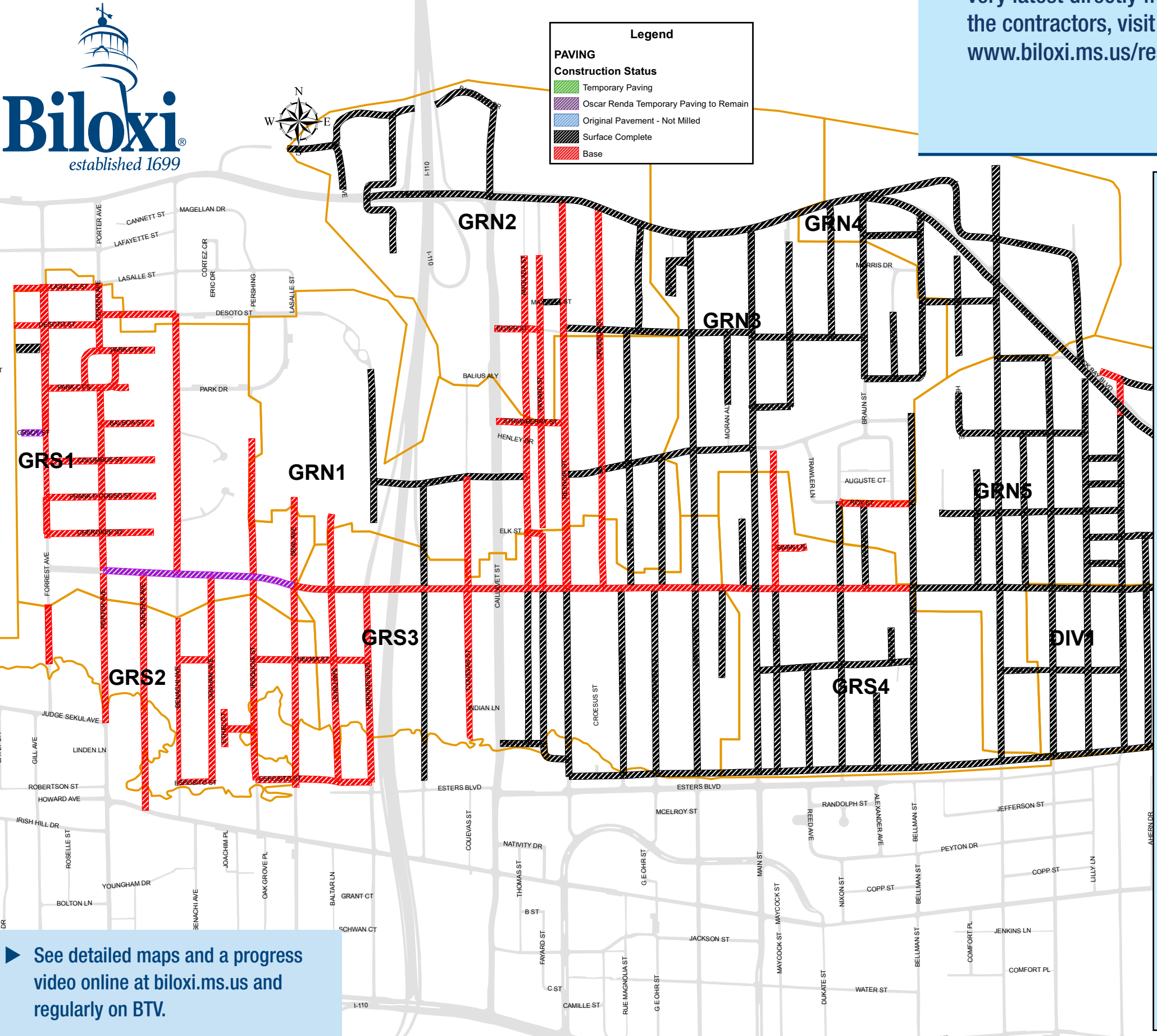


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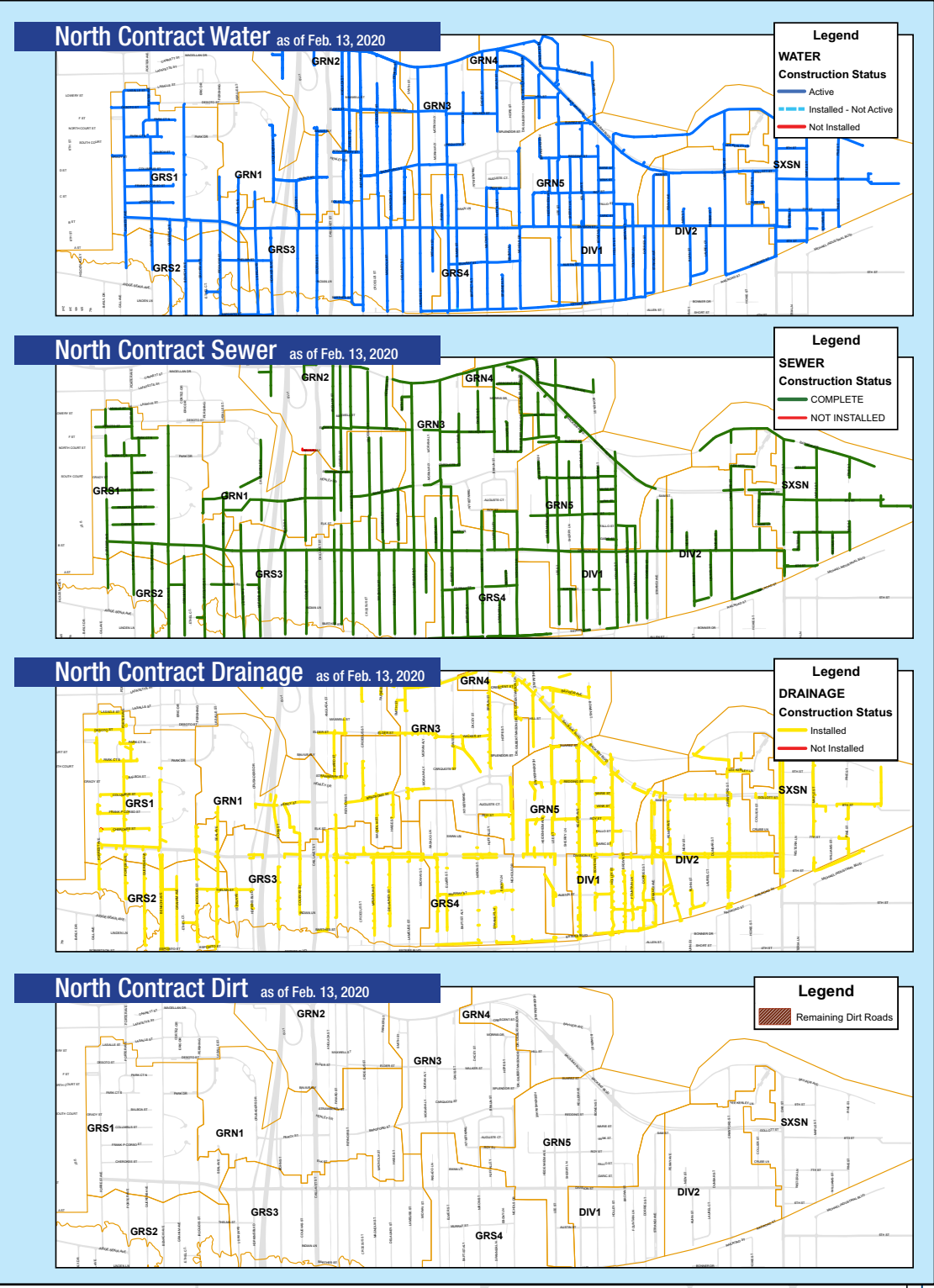
Roads to be paved as of Feb. 13, 2020



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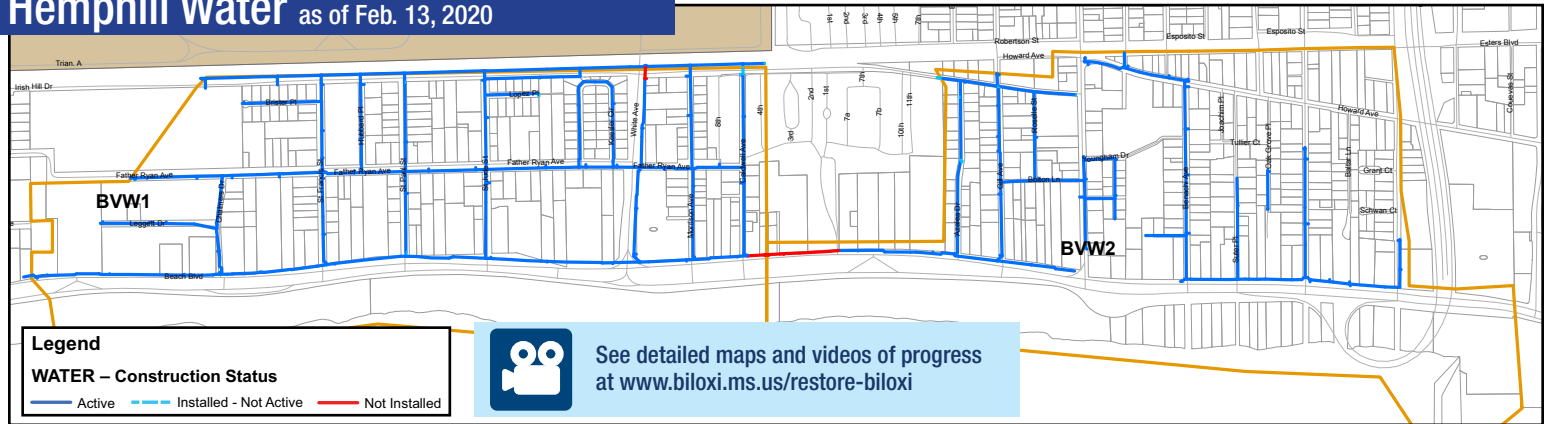
► To see detailed maps of progress and to hear the very latest directly from the contractors, visit www.biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi.



► See detailed maps and a progress video online at biloxi.ms.us and regularly on BTV.

Detours and lane closures are becoming more evident south of the CSX Railway, especially on Irish Hill and other thoroughfares, as Hemphill Construction continues to make progress on infrastructure work on six miles of roads between downtown and Seashore Methodist. Here's a look at the status on the \$22.9 million project, which has a deadline of June 2020.

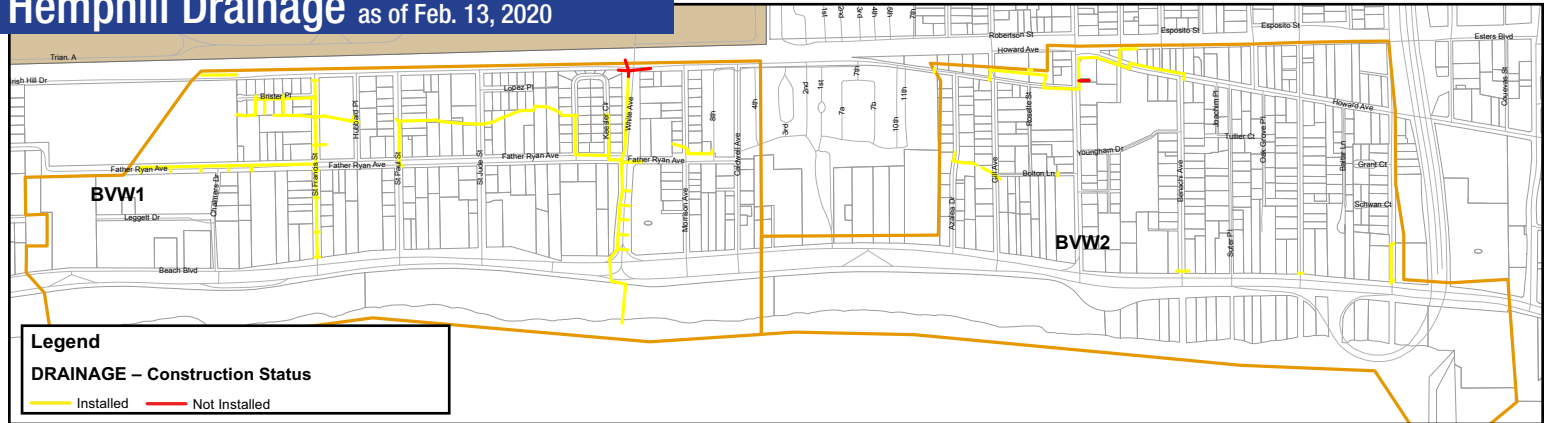
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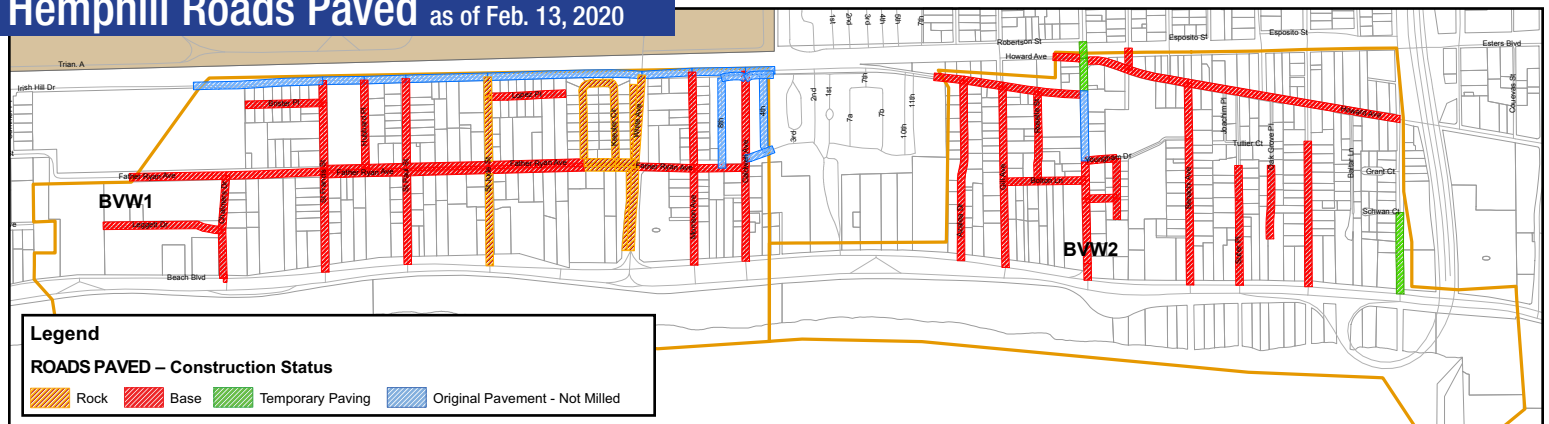
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Hemphill Drainage as of Feb. 13, 2020



Hemphill Roads Paved as of Feb. 13, 2020



Best Bets!

BBQ is the flavor of Grillin' on the Green

The 14th annual family-fun event, Grillin' on the Green, takes place on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Grilling teams, 25 to be exact, will compete with barbecue ribs and chicken brisket for more than \$6,000 in cash prizes. Dozens of arts and craft vendors, a children's play area and live entertainment will also be part of the Biloxi Main Street event. Oh, and don't forget to get your Grillin' on the Green t-shirt. Details: 228-435-6339.



Green is the color of the St. Patrick's parade

Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade will fill the downtown streets of Biloxi in green when they parade on March 16 beginning at 2 p.m. The parade will travel west on U.S. 90 from the Biloxi Yacht Club, turn north at Lameuse Street, west on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, onto Howard Avenue at Reynoir, and then north on Caillavet Street, ending a half-block east on Esters Boulevard. Details: 228-424-1016 or www.jokeefe10@aol.com

Discover the Niña and the Pinta, Feb. 20-March 2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. 'Sailing museum' educating the public and school children on the 'caravel,' a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers. Admission ranges: \$6.50 to \$8.50; free for ages 4 and under. Details: 228-435-6320



First Friday Downtown + Gallery 782 11th Anniversary Celebration, March 6, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia and Jackson Street. Join Biloxi Main Street for their monthly event celebrating Downtown Biloxi. This month's event includes vendors, live entertainment by Thomas Jackson, prizes and the opening of the Green House in Biloxi with Wes Anderson themed art show, "I Produced A Hip Art Show." Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782 Anniversary Party, 773 Jackson St., March 6, 5-8 p.m. Gallery celebrates its 11th year in Downtown Biloxi. Festivities include "Steel Crazy After All These Years," art show, artwork with metallic elements, nearly a dozen gift baskets – valued between \$400-\$450 – to be raffled off (tickets on sale now and available before raffle) and hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Details: 228-436-7782

Hancock Whitney Classic, March 10, 6 p.m.; March 11, 5 p.m. Matchup of two top college baseball teams, Mississippi State Bulldogs and Texas Tech Red Raiders. Details: <https://www.milb.com/biloxi/events/mississippi-state-vs-texas-tech>

Special Needs St. Patrick's Dance, March 13, 6-9 p.m. Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road, Biloxi. Free event open to all ages with physical and mental disabilities. A Grand Marshall and Colleen will be crowned by random drawing. Food and door prizes. Details: 228-388-7170

Irish Derby/5K Run, March 14, 9 a.m., begins at Biloxi City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. The run is held in conjunction with the Hibernia Society's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Presented by the Hibernia Marching Society and The Gulf Coast Running Club. Details: www.gulfcoastrunningclub.org

14th Annual Grillin' On The Green, March 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Event features over 25 teams competing for cash and prizes, cold beer and hot BBQ, live music throughout the day: Rhythm and Rain at 10 a.m.; Unfazed at noon; and Ty Taylor and the Kinfolk at 2 p.m.; kids' zone and other children's activities. Enjoy viewing the Hibernia Society's St. Patrick's Day parade from the festival and stay for the exciting presentation of the Grand Champion Trophy! Admission is free. Details: 228-435-6339

42nd Annual Hibernia Society St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 14, 2 p.m. Parade begins at the Biloxi Yacht Club, 408 Beach Blvd., ends on Esters Boulevard and features bands, military units, flag bearers, bagpipers, leprechauns, a horse-drawn carriage with the parade's Grand Marshal and Colleen, and colorful floats tossing Irish trinkets, green beads, and doubloons. Details: 228-424-1016 or www.jokeefe10@aol.com

Best Bet!



Mississippi State plays ball at MGM Park

The Biloxi Shuckers team up with Hancock Whitney to bring the Hancock Whitney Classic to MGM Park on March 10 and 11. Mississippi State and Texas Tech will square off in two games, March 10 at 6 p.m. and March 11 at 5 p.m. Each team has reached the College World Series in back-to-back seasons and enter 2020 with high rankings: Texas Tech Red Raiders ranked sixth in the nation in the D1Baseball.com preseason poll and MS State Bulldogs ranked tenth. Tickets for both games of the Hancock Whitney Classic are on sale at biloxishuckers.com or through the MGM Park Box Office.

Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 22nd issue of BNews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

Calendar: Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication citywide and online is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee, phone number or web address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

Bmail: The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

Advertising: BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6368.

B-Alert: For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BILOXI to 888777.

Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information . . . 435-8242
- Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
- Building Permits 435-6270
- Business Licenses 435-6247
- Citizen services (streets, lights) 435-6271
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-0841
- Drivers Licenses 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire 911
- Garbage Collection 701-9086
- Housing Authority 374-7771
- Human Resources 435-6259
- Mayor's Office 435-6254
- Museums Information 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation 388-7170
- Planning Commission 435-6266
- Public Schools 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage 435-6271
- Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service 435-6236

Barbeshella BBQ and Music Festival, March 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd. Event includes craft vendors, food, beer, a kid's zone and the musical talents of The Bayou Bandits and Honey Island Swamp Band. Admission: \$12.50, military discounts available; does not include food or beverage. Details: 228-388-4400

Biloxi Excel by 5: Fire Prevention: Managing Parental Conflict in Relationships & Just Cool It, March 17, 5 p.m. Mealtime; Event, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free workshop. Open to parents with children ages 5 and younger. Registration required by Tuesday, March 10. Childcare available. Details: 228-297-6808 or susan.hunt@biloxischools.net

Bike Biloxi, March 17, 6 p.m. Ride begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and travels through downtown. The free, fun-filled ride through downtown ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Senior Games Opening Ceremonies, March 20, 5-8 p.m. MGM Park, 106 Caillavet St. Ceremonies open to all Mississippi Olympics athletes for free and \$10 for one guest. Seafood buffet and music will also be part of the event. Details: www.msseniorolymp.org

Mississippi Senior Olympics, Begins March 20. Various times and locations along the MS Gulf Coast. Games open to ages 50 and older. Various state games will be played at various venues along the coast in March, April and May with triathlon taking place in August and cycling in October. Details: www.msseniorolymp.org



Hop the Trail to Bunnyland, March 21, 9-11:30 a.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Free event open to ages five and younger and their parents or guardians. Activities, photos and refreshments. Details: 228-388-7170 or 228-297-6808

Rapiscan Systems Classic Golf Tournament, March 23-29, times vary, Fallen Oak Golf Course, 24400 Highway 15. This PGA TOUR-sanctioned event is held annually at Fallen Oak, joining the PGA TOUR's Sanderson Farms Championship and the Web.com Tour's North Mississippi Classic. Mississippi is one of just five states to host an annual tournament on all three Tours. Admission and details: www.rapiscansystemsclassic.com

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage, March 25-28, times vary. The 68th Spring Pilgrimage provides opportunities to explore a variety of venues including gracious homes with beautiful interiors and colorful gardens, local museums and historic sites from Diamondhead to Moss Point. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Details: www.springpilgrimage.com

Biloxi Main Street Book Club, March 26, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. The book of the month is "Murder Among The Tombstones" and may be purchased at Southern Bound Book Shop, located next door to the coffee bar. Author Kim Carter will be in attendance for a lively discussion. Interested in joining the book club? Just stop by the free meeting or call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6339.

Taste of South MS, March 26, 5:30-8 p.m., Coastal-themed tasting event with some of South Mississippi's best dishes and includes entertainment. Funds raised provide assistance towards membership and programs. Admission: \$30 per person. Free childcare for first 40 reserved spots. Details: 228-207-1218 or visit online at <https://krocmscoast.org/taste-of-south-mississippi/>



Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Craft Beer Festival, March 28, 4-7 p.m., MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Featuring over 40 craft beers for sampling, live entertainment and food. Early registration is \$35, event day admission is \$45, and VIP registration is \$70. Details: 228-604-0014

Woolmarket Area Summer Camp Registration, March 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. Fees apply. Details: 228-388-7170, biloxi.ms.us

Easter Extravaganza, Woolmarket Area, March 28, 2-4 p.m. Woolmarket Elementary School, 12513 John Lee Road. Open to ages 11 and younger. Free event includes games, food, bounce house, picture with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Details: 228-388-7170



Biloxi Little Theater220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org

- **Lemmings**, March 13-15

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258,

centerstagebiloxi.com**Biloxi Schooners**367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org

- Walk-on sunset sails, charters, or sails to Horn Island

Biloxi Shrimping Trip693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, biloxishrimpingtrip.com

- Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily.

Biloxi Tour Train

Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot,

South of Biloxi Visitors Center,

Traffic light #40;

228-374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com

- Tours daily. Call for reservations.

Experience the history of Biloxi
with a ride on an open-air train.

**Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise**

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270,

betsyannriverboat@gmail.com, bestyannriverboat.com

- Historical & Ecological Tour, and Sunset Eco Tours

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum762 Howard Ave., 228-435-6308, <https://www.facebook.com/biloximardigrasmuseum/>**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum**115 1st St., 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- **Art In Mind**, March 2 and March 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Admission is free. Experience the beneficial effects of art on your mental health. Monthly art program for senior citizens, free museum tour, art activity, making connections in a social environment.
- Check the website for more events and studio classes at OOMA!

Ship Island ExcursionMargaritaville Resort boat dock, 195 Beach Blvd., 228-864-1014, msshipisland.com

- Ferry service resumes spring 2020. Private charters available year round.

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum1046 Howard Ave., 435-6119/435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

- Historic 1937 fire house open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment.

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Meeting Night**, March 4 and 18, 7 p.m. New members welcome
- **Steak Night with Entertainment**, March 7, 14, and 21, 6 p.m.; Steaks: \$20
- **First Responders and Awards Night**, March 28 – Members only event
- **Charity Bingo**, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. Early bird begins at 6:30 p.m. Regular games begin at 7 p.m. Cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Kitchen open until 8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday Bingo**, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Early bird begins at 2 p.m. Regular games begins at 2:30 p.m. Jackpot cash prizes, drawing and gifts. Concession available.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Seafood Dinners every Friday night**, 6-8 p.m. Karaoke with Kenny at 7:30 p.m. Call for details.

Lagniappe**Charles R. Hegwood****Biloxi Community Market**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-4 p.m.
under the I-110 overpass on the corner of
Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard.
Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443.

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays
at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community
Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen
Center. Details: Gwen Johnson,
228-388-2494, seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 228-354-9464

For more information call the Harrison
County Library System at 228-436-3095.

Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving,
revitalizing and enhancing
the economic growth
of the downtown Main
Street district. Details and
membership: 228-435-6339,
mainstreetbiloxi.com

**City of Biloxi Public Meetings**

- **Architectural Review Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Biloxi City Council:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259, Cortney Lamar
- **Biloxi Planning Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Details: 228-435-6266.

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March Schedule

Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at biloxi.ms.us/btv

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6:13 a.m.	Biloxi Builders and Visionaries (8 min)
6:21 a.m.	Biloxi Today (3 min)
6:25 a.m.	Infrastructure video (5 min)
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
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7:45 a.m.	Special Presentation: Mardi Gras 2020, a look back (15 min)
8:00 a.m.	Special Presentation: History & Culture Expo, a look back (19 min)
8:20 a.m.	Special Presentation: Biloxi's Tet celebration (20 min)
8:55 a.m.	The BPD wants you! (5 min)
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and bonus public affairs programming (3 hours)
Afternoon	
Noon	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," B&W, 1950s travelogue (9 min)
12:10 p.m.	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," 1960s travelogue (14 min)
12:30 p.m.	Special Presentation: Making Space for Fred Haise (30 min)
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1:15 p.m.	Special Presentation: Mardi Gras 2020, a look back (15 min)
1:30 p.m.	Special Presentation: History & Culture Expo, a look back (19 min)
2:00 p.m.	Special Presentation: Biloxi's Tet celebration (20 min)
2:30 p.m.	Census 2000 (25 min)
2:55 p.m.	The BPD wants you (5 min)
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You can also find individual programs on the City of Biloxi YouTube page.

Inside BTV: See it all at the same time everyday

Regular viewers of BTV will notice a routine developing on the monthly schedule.

The morning schedule is repeated each evening at corresponding times. What you see at 6 a.m., which is longtime Biloxi performer Ray Fournier singing his original tune **"Down in Biloxi,"** you also will see at 6 p.m. each day. Same for other programs, such as the monthly infrastructure report and the Biloxi Public Schools program.

The replay of the most recent City Council meetings – a three-hour block of programming – is at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. with an afternoon showing at 3 p.m. each day. As time permits, other public affairs programming fills out the City Council block.

New this month, besides March updates of monthly programs, are several special presentations:

- **"Making Space for Fred Haise,"** the story of the new landmark honoring the Apollo 13 astronaut and Biloxi native. See it at 7 a.m., 7 p.m. and 12:30 each afternoon.
- Your preview of the **Hibernia Marching Society's St. Patrick's Day Parade and Main Street's Grillin' on the Green**
- A look back at **Mardi Gras 2020**
- A visit to the recent **Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Expo**
- **Biloxi's Tet celebration,** a look at the Vietnamese New Year's custom.



If you miss a program on BTV, find it and past programs on the city's YouTube page. Look for the BTV archive.

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Buildings ^{on} the Move

The construction and location of homes in Biloxi have evolved over the years, especially since Monsieur's d'Iberville and his crew constructed simple houses when they arrived in Biloxi.

In this early drawing from 1721, one can see hard-working folks cutting down trees, sawing, and preparing all sorts of structures to be occupied. This famous sketch shows what went on along the Biloxi shore in our early days.

Back in those days, houses were not moved unless hurricanes blew them to another place.

Some of the structures you now see in Biloxi or may have visited years ago before they were destroyed by hurricanes weren't always in their original locations. Not only were the buildings moved, but they also became repurposed for alternative uses. Here are some of the more famous houses that were moved.



The Pleasant Reed House

The Pleasant Reed House was constructed in about 1887 and was owned and occupied by members of the Reed Family who were iconic to the representation of hard working African-American families in Biloxi. It was located at 928 Elmer St.



and family.

The Queen Anne style house with neo-classical character was added to the historical register in 1984.

In 2006, the Beau Rivage Casino, who had bought the property sometime before Hurricane Katrina, donated the structure to Biloxi Main Street.

The house was then moved across the street to its current location, 932 Howard Ave., and in March 2006 a restoration project began.

The newly-renovated structure reopened in May 2008 and is currently the home of the City of Biloxi's Downtown Services Division and Biloxi Main Street offices.



The Magnolia Hotel

The Magnolia Hotel was constructed in 1847 for John Hohn, an immigrant from Germany, at a cost of \$2,800. After his death, the tavern and coffee house was managed by his wife and operated as a hotel by many generations of Hohn women.

The house closed during World War II and did not reopen. Instead, it became the home of some of Mr. and Mrs. Hohn's granddaughters. In 1972, after the wrath of Hurricane Camille, the structure was moved north 150 yards from its original spot to 119 Rue Magnolia and where it was revitalized.

In 1973, the Magnolia Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Even though



Magnolia Hotel – A Hurricane Camille and Hurricane Katrina survivor

Hurricane Katrina inflicted severe damage, the City of Biloxi had the structure repaired and transformed it into a Mardi Gras museum.

The building was leased in 2019 as a site for a restaurant and now named the Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum, has been relocated to the newly-renovated district on Howard.

The Gillis-Vance House

The 1830's home once occupied a lot on U.S. 90 just east of Hopkins Boulevard. It was purchased by Mrs. Gilbert Vance in 1838. After Mrs. Vance's death, the property

changed hands several times before it was inherited by Mrs. L. V. Gillis in 1927.

In 1973, the home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Several years later, construction of the Interstate I110 passed directly over the house site and the highway department donated the home to the City of Biloxi.

The home was then moved eastwardly down the street on U.S. 90 to the empty lot where the Charles T. Howard House once stood – between the Church of the Redeemer and the Hermann House.

It was renovated and subsequently utilized as the parsonage until Hurricane Katrina knocked it down.



Brielmaier and Foretich Houses

The Brielmaier House was built in 1895 for Mrs. Henry Graves who later sold the house to her brother, Paul W. Brielmaier. It was originally located at 436 Main St.

The Foretich House was a late 19th century style home that once sat at 134 Delauney St. The house was named for the last family to live in it. The Foretich family lived in the home for five decades.

The combination of the two historic homes was located on Biloxi's Town Green and served as the old Biloxi Visitors Center.

This locale is historically remembered as the former location of the Montross Hotel back in the Day.

Hurricane Katrina destroyed the two homes.



Foretich Brielmaier

The Creole Cottage

This structure deserves the award as "The Most Moving House" in Biloxi's recent history.

The Creole Cottage, circa 1890, traveled around the heart of Biloxi's downtown several times. The first location was 127 Lameuse St., then it moved

to Water Street directly behind the present day Le Café Beignet restaurant. In 1977 it was returned to Lameuse Street as the former Biloxi Library and Cultural Center which was situated across from Biloxi City Hall.

After Hurricane Katrina, it was once again moved. This time to 132 Rue Magnolia where it still stands today.



The Creel House

Once located at 439 Reynoir St., the 1895 home was the longtime home of former Biloxi City Commissioner J.A. "Tony" Creel and his family.

The home received extensive Hurricane Katrina damage and was donated to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art. It was moved in 2006 and restored.

It is a great example of a Biloxi Cottage and is currently located behind the museum at 370 Meaut St.

Today, it is the official home of the Dusti Bonge Art Foundation and is open to the public.



The Henriques-Slay House

The Henriques-Slay House was built in the 1890s and located at 132 Reynoir St. The New Orleans-type cottage was named for two of its previous owners.

Dr. Henriques owned the house at one time and operated a doctor's office and pharmacy out of the house. Gray Slay also owned the house at one time.

Years later, Al Copeland purchased the home. After his death, Copeland's estate donated the house to the City of Biloxi. Considering its architectural significance, the city accepted the donation.

In 2010, the city salvaged and renovated the old home. The city had it moved to a vacant lot two blocks east of its original site and nested it into the Rue Magnolia, a neighborhood of historic buildings.



Historic vocabulary

Gingerbread

The carved wood decoration found on porches and eaves of older homes.

Transoms

Extra windows that open above doorways to promote better circulation, taking the hot air off the ceilings.

Shotgun house

A house with all the rooms straight in a row. Allegedly, a bullet from a shotgun could theoretically travel in the front door and out the back door.

Window fan

A large fan bolted to a window (usually on the inside and usually in the back of the house) to draw air into and out of the home. These preceded the era of air-conditioning.

Cisterns

These structures were located in the yard, outside a house to collect rain water. Screens were usually installed above the wooden tank to keep out bugs, animals, and debris.

Back in the Day



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rebuilt. It now houses an interpretive center dedicated to the African-American community.

The Bond Grant House

The Bond-Grant House was built in 1904 by William Dukate and located on the south side of Howard Avenue. William gave the house to his daughter, Vera, as a wedding gift when she married Mr. B. A. Bond. She later married R. Hart Chinn, who served as mayor of Biloxi from 1933 to 1935 and from 1951 to 1953. Vera Dukate Bond Chinn lived in the house until 1921 when it was purchased by W. J. Grant

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